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SUBJ: BDG REACTIONS TO PAK RESPONSE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNT APRIL 24 OF BDG SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS APRIL 23 ON GOP RESPONSE TO BD/ INDIAN PROPOSALS. NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED. TEXT CONFIRMED WITH FONMIN AS ACCURATE DEPICTION BDG POSITION.

A. OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ON MONDAY TOOK SERIOUS VIEW OF THREAT CONTAINED IN STATEMENT APRIL 20 TO PUT ON TRIAL INNOCENT BANGALIS ON BELATEDLY COOKED UP CHARGES IN RETALIATION FOR IMPENDING TRIALS OF PAKHWAR CRIMINALS WHO COMMITTED GRAVE CRIMES IN BANGLADESH.

B. SPOKESMAN COMMENTING ON PAK STATEMENT APRIL 20 ON BD/ INDIA JOINT DECLARATION TOLD BSS THAT SUCH TRIALS IF HELD WOULD
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CONSTITUTE CRUDE ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL AND " JUDICIAL REPRISAL" IN VIOLATION OF ALL CANONS OF INTERNATIONAL CIVILIZED CONDUCT. THIS WOULD VITIATE ATMOSPHERE FOR SOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS.

C. SPOKESMAN OF BDG STATED THERE WERE ELEMENTS IN STATEMENT OF GOP WHICH SOUGHT TO RAISE UNTENABLE CONTENTIONS. HE SAID IT IS HOPE OF BDG THAT SUCH ELEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED STAND IN WAY OF SOLUTION OF ALL HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AS SET OUT IN JOINT DECLARATION.

D. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS NOTED WITH INTEREST GOP WAS NOW PREPARED TO FULLY COOPERATE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL BANGALIS TO LEAVE PAKISTAN, FOR THIS WOULD REPRESENT WELCOME CHANGE FROM POSITION HITHERTO MAINTAINED BY PAKISTAN AS RESULT OF WHICH THE BANGALIS WERE BEING PREVENTED FROM LEAVING PAKISTAN.

E. HE SAID AS REGARDS RETURN OF PAKS IN BANGLADESH TO PAKISTAN, THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD NOT SEEK TO DISOWN ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS NATIONALS BY MAKING UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS REGARDING POSITION OF SO- CALLED MINORITIES.

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